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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

RCE/3600  
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Application Number : 09/973,303  
Filing Date : October 9, 2001  
Inventor(s) : Nobuo Ogasawara  
Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING EXPIRATION-DATED PRODUCTS UTILIZING AN ELECTRONIC RECEIPT  
Group Art Unit : 3627  
Examiner Name : Kenneth R. Rice  
Docket No. : 47410/JEC/F179

Date: March 24, 2003

### MAIL TO: Box RCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

#### 1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

a.  Pending (no review proceedings active)

(1)  An Action was mailed by the Office on October 16, 2002, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and  a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on January 13, 2003

via Express Mail

with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8  
 that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request  
 an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated

(2)  Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on \_\_\_\_\_  
 the Issue Fee has not been paid  
 the Issue Fee has been paid and a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Pending (with review proceeding active)

An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.

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2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

a. Previously submitted

Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on January 13, 2003  
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_  
 Other:

b. Enclosed

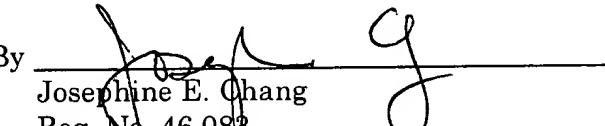
Amendment/Reply  
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
 Information Disclosure Statement  
 Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48  
 Petition for Extension of Time  
 Other:

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned promptly following receipt and initial review of the application in light of the Submission(s) for the conduct of, or the scheduling of, a telephone interview in the application.

Please address all correspondence to **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068**.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
FEE CALCULATION SHEET

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<b>PART I - BASIC FEE</b>			
BASIC FEE	Small Entity \$375.00	Large Entity \$750.00	750.00

<b>Part II - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)</b>						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	13	* 20	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	-0-
Independent Claims	2	** 3	0	x \$42.00	x \$84.00	-0-
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$140.00	\$280.00	
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE						\$-0-

List Independent Claims: 1, 35

\* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE.  
\*\* IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID OR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.

3. FEES (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)  
A check for \$750.00 is enclosed.
- b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.